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Further information on EXTRA 20/97 (ASA 21/05/97, 13 February 1997) and follow-up (ASA 21/06/97, 14 February) - Fear of torture / Medical concern

EAST TIMOR 105 released, at least four still detained (names unknown)

Of those arrested in the Viqueque district of East Timor in relation to disturbances between 7 and 11 February, 105 have now been released, leaving at least four still in detention. According to reports, many of those that have been released were tortured or ill-treated while in custody.

According to East Timor police chief, Colonel Yusuf Muharram four people "who engaged in destruction [are] being interrogated and are suspected of causing the incident". No information was given about their names or whereabouts. In view of the reports of torture and ill-treatment of the 105 who have been released, Amnesty International is seriously concerned for the safety of those still in detention.

FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia or English or in your own language:
- urging the authorities to provide information on the identity, whereabouts and exact charges against the four people said to remain in custody;
- calling on the authorities to ensure that none of the four are subjected to torture or ill-treatment and that they are given immediate access to lawyers, family members and medical treatment if necessary;
- welcome the release of 105 detainees but express concern at reports that many among them were tortured or ill-treated in custody;
- calling for prompt impartial investigations into these reports and for anyone found responsible for torture or ill-treatment to be brought to justice.

APPEALS TO:

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Salutation: Dear Colonel Simbolon

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Chief of Police for East Timor
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Kapolda Timor Timor
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Telegrams: Kapolda, Dili, East Timor
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COPIES TO:

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Dili, East Timor (Indonesia)

COPIES TO: diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 21 March 1997.